

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, sixty years ago James L. Hawkins took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Vernalee K. Dodson, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony that was performed on April 5, 1947, at Harrisonville, Missouri; and

Whereas, six decades later James and Vernalee Hawkins of Appleton City observed their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends on April 8, 2007; and

Whereas, the marital union of James and Vernalee Hawkins has been richly blessed with the love and affection of their children, Dean Hawkins, Sue and Cliff Creach, and Jimmy and Anita Hawkins; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, James Hawkins is a retired farmer, and Vernalee Hawkins is a retired bookkeeper who owned the Blue Inn restaurant for twelve years; and

Whereas, James and Vernalee Hawkins are members of Trinity United Methodist Church, the Farm Bureau, and Golden Apples with James Hawkins also active in the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post; and

Whereas, James and Vernalee Hawkins used the occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes that have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as James and Vernalee Hawkins during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by James and Vernalee Hawkins and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of James and Vernalee Hawkins of Appleton City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker